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THERE IS NO FEDERALLY SPONSORED BICENTENNIAL EXPOSITION
TO DATE BUT MANY U.S. CITIES AND STATES HOSTING
REGULAR TRADE FAIRS GIVING SPECIAL EMPHASIS BICENTENNIAL
FOR 1975 AND 1976.

THE OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BICENTENNIAL ORGANIZATION
TITLED SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL ADVISED THAT MAJOR
INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORIENTED CITY OF CLEVELAND ALSO
NEGOTIATING SISTER CITY ARRANGEMENT WITH NIGERIA.
AGREEMENT COULD BE ATTAINED BY 1975 OR 1976. MAYOR'S
OFFICE VERY INTERESTED IN NIGERIAN PARTICIPATION CLEVELAND'S
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FIRST WORLD TRADE SHOW 1975 MAY 20-22 AND 1976, AS AN

APPROPRIATE VEHICLE TO CELEBRATE THE NEW SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP. OTHER COUNTRIES ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRADE SHOW. CLEVELAND CONTACT AT NIGERIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON IS COMMERCIAL ATTACHE MR. OLUNFEMI ANI.

JOSEPH PALMER FORMER AMBASSADOR TO NIGERIA NOW MEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTOR FIR SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL PLANNING VISIT NIGERIA LATE OCTOBER. CLEVELAND'S SISTER CITY TIE WITH NIGERIAN CITY WILL BE PROPOSED SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION. PLEASE ADVISE IF GON INTERESTED.
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